

in taking less I expressed strong hopes that no such alternative would be forced upon him; that his great work would not be wrecked upon a mere financial point, which, when compared with what he had done for the world's spiritual grounds, dwindled down to an absolute zero, and that I felt convinced he held trump cards in reserve which made him master of the situation.

We found the sun very oppressive in Calcutta even in the winter season, as it is called, but there is no winter here, never any frost or snow or skating, and but for the ice that comes from Berton, life would be intolerable. At every step in India our admiration increases for that sturdy race from which we are proud to have descended, who came here a handful among

Philadelphia dealers. Stocks are now run down to the lowest point, and the decline the first of the week, which was occasioned by a false report that the catch on the Nova Scotia shore had been large, was temporary, and prices are now firm, with an upward tendency. Arrivals of new mackerel are very light. There has been some demand from California the past week, but the market generally is very dull.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin*, June 12.

tourists and letter writers of designating every place with any sort of ambitious pretence to mountain display as the Switzerland of America has served to render almost unmeaning and worthless such characterization of even our superbest mountain scenery. But if there is any one place entitled to such pre-eminent distinction it is this. These grand old mountains possess really Alpine beauty and grandeur. There is sublimity in their heights, in the very

bank with a capital of \$800,000 was being organized in the same town.

The inner country of the provinces of Ceara, Piahy, Parahyba and Rio Grande del Norte were suffering from drought, which was destroying the plantations.

The banking firm of Fortinho & Moniz has collapsed in Rio, Fortinho bolting to the river Plate. Its liabilities are chiefly to the Bank of Brazil. The

Intelligent planters and farmers, and from all we obtained the same information, namely, that although the crops were backward for the season, still every one was satisfied, and all hoped to reap a good harvest this year. Upon the whole, up to this time, the prospects are good. The small farmers who work with their own hands do not say much, but they look smiling and contented. This is all well.—*Iberville (La.) South, June 5,*